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Jaycee Ahlefeld surveys the damage left after a late-night tornado devastated the area in Sullivan, Ind., Saturday, April 1, 2023.

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# Trump to deliver remarks Tuesday night after his arraignment

**By JILL COLVIN and COLLEEN LONG**  
**Associated Press**  
**NEW YORK (AP)** — Former President Donald Trump will deliver remarks Tuesday night in Florida after his scheduled arraignment in New York on charges related to hush money payments, his campaign announced Sunday. Trump will hold the event at his Mar-a-Lago club after returning from Manhat-

tan, where he is expected to voluntarily turn himself in. He is expected to be joined in Florida by supporters as he tries to project an image of strength and defiance and turn the charges into a political asset to boost his 2024 presidential campaign. Trump is facing multiple charges of falsifying business records, including at least one felony offense, in the indictment handed up by a Manhattan grand jury last week, two people familiar with the matter have told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss information that is not yet public because the indictment remains under seal. Trump has denied any wrongdoing and has blasted the investigation as part of a yearslong "witch hunt" aimed at damaging his candidacy. Trump aides and lawyers



**Former President Donald Trump speaks at the Conservative Political Action Conference, CPAC 2023, March 4, 2023, at National Harbor in Oxon Hill, Md.**

**Associated Press**

had been going back and forth over the wisdom of his appearing before reporters after the arraignment as they grasped the news of an indictment that caught many of them by surprise. Trump has been catapulted back into the headlines by the criminal charges and he relishes media attention, and while some of his lawyers would have preferred he stay silent, his campaign believes the development has energized his supporters. Already, Trump's campaign says it has raised millions since the indictment. Trump was indicted Thursday by a grand jury in the case involving hush money paid during the 2016 presidential campaign to a porn actor who alleges Trump had an extramarital sexual encounter with her years earlier. In television interviews Sunday, Trump lawyer Joe Tacopina said he would pore over the indictment once he receives it, then devise the next legal steps. He dismissed questions about whether he would ask for a venue change or file a motion to dismiss the case as premature, though it's common for defense attorneys to do both.

"We're way too early to start deciding what motions we're going to file or not file, and we do need to see the indictment and get to work," he told ABC's "This Week." "I mean, look, this is the beginning." The former president is expected to fly to New York midday Monday and stay at his Trump Tower in Manhattan overnight ahead of his planned arraignment Tuesday, according to two people familiar with his plans who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss Trump's travel plans. He is expected to report to the courthouse Tuesday morning, where he will fingerprinted and have a mug shot taken, like anyone else facing charges. Investigators will complete arrest paperwork and check to see if he has any outstanding criminal charges or warrants. Once the booking is complete, Trump will appear before a judge for an afternoon arraignment. That will take place in the same Manhattan courtroom where his company was tried and convicted of tax fraud in December and where disgraced movie mogul Harvey Weinstein's rape trial took place. □



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From Front

By ADRIAN SAINZ, ANDREW DeMILLO and BEN FINLEY  
Associated Press

WYNNE, Ark. (AP) — Residents across a wide swath of the U.S. raced Sunday to assess the destruction from fierce storms that spawned possibly dozens of tornadoes from the South and the Midwest into the Northeast, killing at least 32 people. The storms tore a path through the Arkansas capital and also collapsed the roof of a packed concert venue in Illinois, stunning people throughout the region with the scope of the damage.

The number of deaths continued to grow Sunday.

"While we are still assessing the full extent of the damage, we know families across America are mourning the loss of loved ones, desperately waiting for news of others fighting for their lives, and sorting through the rubble of their homes and businesses," President Joe Biden said in a statement.

Biden earlier declared broad areas of the country major disaster areas, making federal resources and financial aid available for recovery.

Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders in Arkansas, where at least five people were killed, already had declared a state of emergency and activated the National Guard.

Confirmed or suspected tornadoes in 11 states destroyed homes and businesses, splintered trees and laid waste to neighborhoods.

The National Weather Service confirmed Sunday that a tornado was responsible for damage to several homes near Bridgeville, Delaware. One person was found dead inside a house heavily damaged by the storm Saturday night, Delaware State Police reported. It may take days to confirm all the recent tornadoes. The dead included at least nine in one Tennessee county, five in Indiana and four in Illinois.

Other deaths from the



Damage from a late-night tornado is seen in Sullivan, Ind., Saturday, April 1, 2023.

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storms that hit Friday night into Saturday were reported in Alabama and Mississippi.

Residents of Wynne, Arkansas, a community of about 8,000 people 50 miles (80 kilometers) west of Memphis, Tennessee, woke Saturday to find the high school's roof shredded and its windows blown out. At least four people died.

Ashley Macmillan said she, her husband and their children huddled with their dogs in a bathroom as a tornado passed, "praying and saying goodbye to each other, because we thought we were dead." A falling tree seriously damaged their home, but they escaped unhurt.

Chainsaws buzzed, as bulldozers plowed into debris. Utility crews restored power as some neighborhoods began recovery.

Tennessee recorded at least 15 deaths, including nine fatalities in McNairy

County, east of Memphis, according to Patrick Sheehan, director the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee drove to the county Saturday to tour the destruction and comfort residents. He said the storm capped the "worst" week of his time as governor, coming days after a school shooting in Nashville that killed six people including a family friend whose funeral he and his wife just attended.

"It's terrible what has happened in this community, this county, this state," Lee said. "But it looks like your community has done what Tennessean communities do, and that is rally and respond."

Rachel Milam lived in the basement with her 6-year-old daughter, while her mother and her mother's boyfriend lived upstairs in their home on the outskirts of Waynesboro, Tennessee.

All squeezed into the bathroom of the cinder block basement Friday night as the tornado approached and made whooshing sounds like a washing machine.

"As it ripped the roof off, the shower curtain fell," Milam, 26, said Sunday. "So I'm trying to dig through the shower curtain and see. I saw darkness and then rain started to fall."

Then absolute terror.

"And the house — I watched it pick up and move ... about six inches and then pick up and it was gone."

"I was just thinking it's gonna take the tub, like we're going to be gone," she said.

A piece of wood fell over them. So did a mirror. "We were fine and just thankful that we made it out alive," Milam said.

Milam, who works as a nurse, soon joined other neighbors in digging people out from wrecked

homes. One woman had a laceration to her face and other parts of her body and was flown out by a helicopter. Another man was freed from the rubble of his home by rescuers who used chainsaws to slice through the debris.

Jeffrey Day said he called his daughter after seeing on the news that their community of Adamsville was being hit. Huddled in a closet with her 2-year-old son as the storm passed over, she answered the phone screaming.

"She kept asking me, 'What do I do, daddy?'" Day said, tearing up. "I didn't know what to say."

After the storm passed, his daughter crawled out of her destroyed home and drove to nearby family.

Elsewhere, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker traveled Sunday to Belvidere to visit the Apollo Theatre, which partially collapsed as about 260 people were attending a heavy metal concert.

Frederick Livingston, Jr., was pulled from the rubble but didn't survive. He had gone to enjoy the concert with his son, Alex.

"I couldn't save him," his son told WLS-TV. The father and son were standing side by side when debris began raining down. "It happened so fast." The governor said 48 others were treated in hospitals, with five in critical condition. Pritzker also planned to visit Crawford County, about 230 miles (370 kilometers) south of Chicago, where three people were killed and eight injured when a tornado hit around New Hebron.

"We've had emergency crews digging people out of their basements because the house is collapsed on top of them, but luckily they had that safe space to go to," Sheriff Bill Rutan said at a news conference.

That tornado was not far from where three people died in Indiana's Sullivan County, about 95 miles (150 kilometers) southwest of Indianapolis. Several people were rescued overnight, with reports of as many as 12 people injured. □



# States aim to boost school safety after Tennessee shooting

By **CLAIRE RUSH**

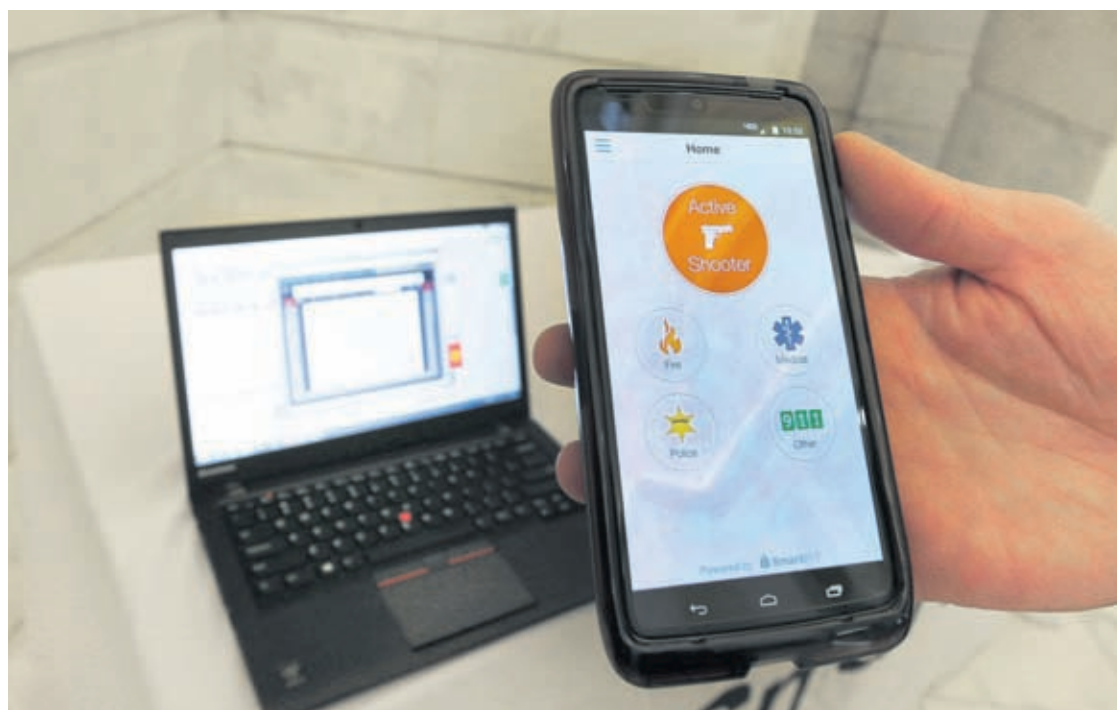
**Associated Press/Report for America**

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — In the wake of an elementary school shooting in Tennessee earlier this week that left three 9-year-olds and three adults dead, state legislatures across the country are moving forward with bills aiming to improve school safety.

The bills have been introduced in blue and red states alike and would require schools to install technology ranging from panic buttons, video surveillance and emergency communications systems. Most have bipartisan support, with lawmakers seeing them as a way to boost school security while avoiding political gridlock on the hot-button issue of gun control. But some experts say teacher safety training is more effective and less expensive than the new technologies, which also can require upgrades or ongoing maintenance that may not be funded.

That hasn't stopped states from Oregon to Missouri to Tennessee from pursuing the systems.

"I was asked by a colleague if our schools will have to become fortresses to keep our kids safe. And I told them yes, if that's what it takes. I don't care if we have to park a tank outside a school," Tennessee's Republican House Majority



**A smartphone is held during a demonstration of the Rave Panic Button application at the Arkansas state Capitol in Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 11, 2015.**

**Associated Press**

Leader William Lamberth said.

While Democratic state lawmakers have called for tighter gun laws as a way to stem school shootings, many are now also supporting the school emergency measures that have largely been touted by Republicans.

In Oregon, where Democrats control the Legislature, a bill that would require schools to send electronic notifications to parents as soon as possible after a safety threat occurs passed the state House unanimously this week. Two Democratic lawmakers are the chief sponsors of another bill that would require

all public school classrooms to have panic alert devices that would contact law enforcement or emergency services when activated.

If passed, the panic alert bill would make Oregon the fourth state — along with Republican-led Florida and Democratic-led New Jersey and New York — to enact such a law. Several other states are considering similar legislation.

"If there's anything we know, it's that during an emergency, time equals life," said one of the Oregon bill's chief sponsors, Democratic state Rep. Emerson Levy.

Some school districts aren't waiting for legislation to

implement new security measures such as panic devices.

Las Vegas's Clark County School District, among the 10 largest districts nationwide, is now using a system involving badges called CrisisAlert. The badges can be worn around the neck and pressed to call for help or trigger a schoolwide lockdown.

Olathe Public Schools in suburban Kansas City, the second-largest district in the state, also adopted CrisisAlert. The district has yet to use it to respond to an active shooter situation, according to Jim McMullen, who oversees the district's Safety Services De-

partment and also serves as assistant superintendent of middle school education. But he said school personnel use the badge every day for things ranging from student fights to medical emergencies.

"Earlier today we used it when we had a student who was unconscious. The staff member, instead of leaving the kid to go call for help, was able to just hit their button three times and had a lot of assistance real quickly," he said on Thursday.

"We've gotten tremendous feedback from our staff regarding the fact that it makes them feel safer, empowered," McMullen said. Panic alert devices gained steam after the 2018 mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Lori Alhadeff, whose 14-year-old daughter, Alyssa, was among the 17 killed, founded the group Make Our Schools Safe and began advocating for panic buttons. She had texted her daughter as shots rang out that help was on the way.

"It's really so important to be proactive, and to really accept the fact that unfortunately this can happen anywhere at any time, as we've seen over and over again," said Lori Kitaygorodsky, the group's spokesperson. "There's really nothing to lose by being prepared." □



**This image provided by Daffney Clairmont shows a train derailed along the Clark Fork River near Paradise, Mont., Sunday, April 2, 2023.**

**Associated Press**

**PARADISE, Mont. (AP)** — About 25 train cars derailed

## About 25 train cars derail in Montana, no injuries reported

Sunday in northwestern Montana, with no injuries or evacuations reported, authorities said.

The cars, which were not believed to be carrying anything hazardous, derailed near the town of Paradise along the Clark Fork River, said Bill Brown, a dispatcher with the Sanders County Sheriff's Office.

Firefighters and representatives of Montana Rail Link, which was operating the train, were responding and investigating what the cars

were carrying, he said.

Photos posted on social media show some of the cars appearing to dip just into the river.

The train cars did not release any hazardous materials, Montana Rail Link said in a statement. The company said the cause of the derailment was being investigated.

"We are committed to addressing any impacts to the area as a result of this accident, prioritizing the safety of our employees and the

public, and understanding the reasons for this incident," the company said.

Montana's U.S. Sens. Steve Daines and Jon Tester said in separate tweets that they were monitoring the derailment and were in touch with local officials.

Federal regulators and members of Congress are urging railroads to do more to prevent derailments after recent fiery wrecks involving hazardous chemicals in Ohio and Minnesota prompted evacuations. □



## Explosion in Russian cafe kills prominent military blogger

By The Associated Press

An explosion tore through a cafe in Russia's second-largest city Sunday, killing a well-known military blogger and strident supporter of the war in Ukraine. Some reports said a bomb was embedded in a bust of the blogger that was given to him as a gift.

Russian officials said Vladlen Tatarsky was killed as he was leading a discussion at the cafe on the bank of the Neva River in the historic heart of St. Petersburg. Twenty-five people were wounded in the blast, and 19 of them were hospitalized, according to the regional governor, Alexander Beglov.

Russian media and military bloggers said Tatarsky was meeting with members of the public when a woman presented him with a box containing a bust of him that apparently blew up. A patriotic Russian group that organized the event said it had taken security precautions but acknowledged that those measures "proved insufficient."

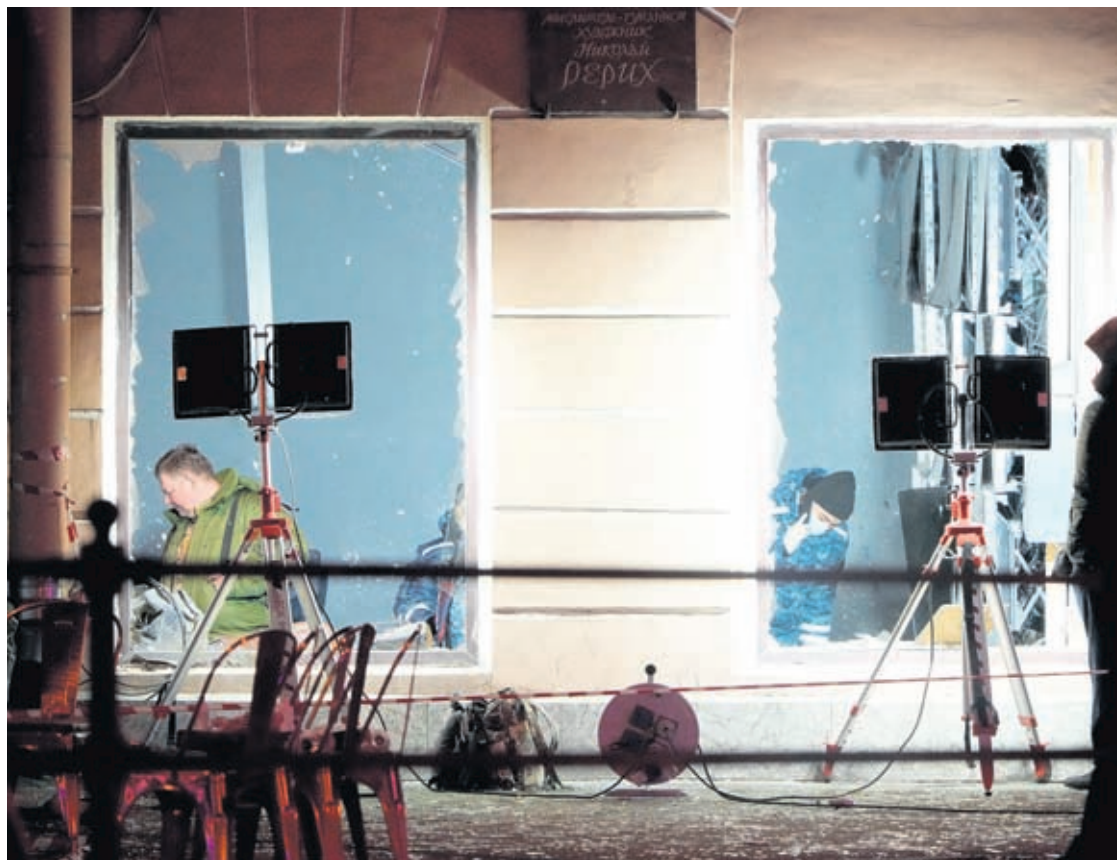
In remarks recorded on video, a witness said that a woman who identified herself as Nastya asked questions and exchanged remarks with Tatarsky during the discussion.

The witness, Alisa Smotrova, quoted Nastya as saying she had made a bust of the blogger but that guards asked her to leave it at the door, suspecting it could be a bomb. Nastya and Tatarsky joked and laughed. She then went to the door, grabbed the bust and presented it to Tatarsky.

He reportedly put the bust on a nearby table, and the explosion followed. Smotrova described people running in panic, some hurt by shattered glass and covered in blood.

A video posted on Russian messaging app channels showed the cafe after the explosion. Tables and chairs were broken and stained by blood, and shards of glass littered the floor.

Russian media said investigators were looking at the bust as the possible source of the blast but have not



Russian investigators work at the site of an explosion at a cafe in St. Petersburg, Russia, Sunday, April 2, 2023.

Associated Press

ruled out the possibility that an explosive device was planted in the cafe before the event.

Russia's Investigative Committee, the state's top criminal investigation agency, opened a probe on charges of murder.

No one publicly claimed responsibility, but military bloggers and patriotic commentators immediately pointed a finger at Ukraine and compared the bombing to the killing last August of Darya Dugina, a nationalist TV commentator. She was killed when a remotely controlled explosive device planted in her SUV blew up as she was driving on the outskirts of Moscow.

Russian authorities blamed Ukraine's military intelligence for Dugina's death, but Kyiv denied involvement.

Her father, Alexander Dugin, a nationalist philosopher and political theorist who strongly supports the invasion of Ukraine, hailed Tatarsky as an "immortal" hero who died to save the Russian people.

"There must be no talks with the terrorists other than about their unconditional surrender," Dugin said. "A victory parade must take

place in Kyiv."

Since the fighting in Ukraine began Feb. 24, 2022, Ukrainian authorities have refrained from claiming responsibility for various fires and explosions and apparent assassinations in Russia. At the same time, officials in Kyiv have jubilantly greeted such events and insisted on Ukraine's right to launch attacks in Russia.

A top Ukrainian government official cast the explosion that killed Tatarsky as part of internal turmoil.

"Spiders are eating each other in a jar," Ukrainian presidential adviser Mykhailo Podolyak wrote in English on Twitter. "Question of when domestic terrorism would become an instrument of internal political fight was a matter of time." Tatarsky, who had filed regular reports from Ukraine, was the pen name for Maxim Fomin, who had accumulated more than 560,000 followers on his Telegram messaging app channel.

Born in the Donbas, Ukraine's industrial heartland, Tatarsky worked as a coal miner before starting a furniture business. When he ran into financial difficulties, he robbed a bank and was sentenced to prison. He fled from custody after

a Russia-backed separatist rebellion engulfed the Donbas in 2014, weeks after Moscow's annexation of Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula. Then he joined separatist rebels and fought on the front line before turning to blogging.

Tatarsky was known for his blustery pronouncements and ardent pro-war rhetoric.

After the Kremlin's annexation of four regions of Ukraine last year that most of the world rejected as illegal, Tatarsky posted a video in which he vowed: "That's it. We'll defeat everybody, kill everybody, rob everybody we need to. It will all be the way we like it. God be with you."

Military bloggers have played an increasingly prominent and influential role in the flow of information about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. They have almost universally championed the goals of the campaign but at times criticize Russian military strategy and tactical decisions.

At the same time, the Kremlin has squelched alternative voices opposing the war by shutting down news outlets, limiting the public's access to information and jailing critics. □

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## Mozambique works to contain cholera outbreak after cyclone

By TOM GOULD

Associated Press

**QUELIMANE, Mozambique (AP)** — Weeks after massive

Cyclone Freddy hit Mozambique for a second time, the still-flooded country is facing a spiraling cholera outbreak that threatens to add to the devastation.

There were over 19,000 confirmed cases of cholera across eight of Mozambique's provinces as of March 27, according to U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, a figure which had almost doubled in a week. Freddy was likely the longest-lived cyclone ever, lasting over five weeks and

1,000.

At least 31 died of cholera in Zambezia and over 3,200 were hospitalized between March 15 and 29, according to data from the Ministry of Health.

Cases are highest in the neighborhood of Icidua on the city outskirts, where most residents live in bamboo or adobe mud huts and fetch water in buckets from communal wells. Flooding brought by the cyclone has exposed many of these wells to water contaminated with sewage overflow and other sources of bacteria. Cholera spreads through feces, often when it gets into drink-

workers are struggling to treat the infected with many clinics and hospitals badly damaged. "The cyclone destroyed the infrastructure here," said José da Costa Silva, the clinical director of the Icidua health center. "We are working in parts of the hospital that were not destroyed. Some colleagues are working outside in the open because there's not enough space available for everyone."

Eighty health centers in total were affected by Freddy's two landfalls in Mozambique, according to INGD, the country's disaster management agency.



**A mother prepares a meal for her family in a displacement camp on the bank of a flooded rice paddy near the village of Nicoadala, Zambezia province, Mozambique, Friday, March 24, 2023.**

Associated Press

hitting Mozambique twice. The tropical storm killed 165 people in Mozambique, 17 in Madagascar and 676 in Malawi. More than 530 people are still missing in Malawi two weeks later so that country's death toll could well exceed 1,200.

Freddy made its second landfall in Mozambique's Zambezia province, where scores of villages remain flooded and water supplies are still contaminated.

At a hospital in Quelimane, Zambezia's provincial capital, National Institute of Health director general Eduardo Sam Gudo Jr reported there were 600 new confirmed cases a day in Quelimane district alone, but said that the real number may be as high as

ing water.

But until water pipelines ruptured in the floods are repaired, these wells are the only source of water for those in Icidua and communities like it. For now, temporary solutions offer the only hope of stemming the outbreak.

Volunteers go from house to house distributing bottles of Certeza, a local chlorine-based water purifier. Each bottle should last a family for a week, but supplies are running low as local production struggles to keep pace with demand. There are also not enough people to distribute the Certeza, even if greater supplies could be procured, Gudo said.

In the meantime, health

Although cyclones do occur in southern Africa from December to May, human-caused climate change has made tropical cyclones wetter, more intense and more frequent. The now-dissipated natural La Nina event also worsened cyclone activity in the region. While Cyclone Freddy itself hasn't yet been attributed to climate change, researchers say it has all the right hallmarks of a warming-fueled weather event.

Formed in early February off Australia, the cyclone with exceptional longevity made an unprecedented crossing of more than 8000 kilometers (5,000 miles) from east to west across the Indian Ocean. □

## Pakistani charity boss slams govt for Ramadan stampedes



**A mother prepares a meal for her family in a displacement camp on the bank of a flooded rice paddy near the village of Nicoadala, Zambezia province, Mozambique, Friday, March 24, 2023.**

Associated Press

**ISLAMABAD (AP)** — The head of Pakistan's largest charity slammed the government on Sunday after at least 23 people died during stampedes to get free food during the holy month of Ramadan.

Cash-strapped Pakistan launched an initiative to distribute free flour among low-income families to ease the impact of record-breaking inflation and soaring poverty during the holy month.

Business owners often hand out cash and food in Ramadan, especially to the poor.

But mismanagement and overcrowding have caused stampedes, with at least 23 people dying across the country.

Faisal Edhi, head of the charity Edhi Foundation, called the deaths "unhumanitarian" because of the methods adopted by the government which he likened to "publicity stunts".

"This is not the government way to distribute flour on roads," he told The Associated Press.

He said the government instead needs to put essential items including flour, pulses and rice in specific stores at subsidized rates and also ensure their availability. "This is the respectable way to donate to the poor," he said.

The deadliest stampede yet occurred on Friday, when at least 12 women and children died in a crush in the major city of Karachi. That charity event was not part of the government initiative, but crowds have swelled at distribution centers in recent days.

On Saturday, in the northwestern city of Peshawar, clashes broke out between people waiting for flour and police after a food distribution centre reached its maximum capacity of 300.

Police officer Babar Khan, who was part of the deployment at the Hayatabad Sports Complex, said people were standing outside even before the flour distribution began.

People blocked the road and pelted police with stones.

"Therefore, the police had to resort to tear gas to disperse the crowd and avoid a stampede," he said.

No casualties were reported and the flour distribution continued inside the complex, he added. □





## Aruba streamlines travel procedures with new Aruba Happy One Pass

**(Oranjestad)—Last week Thursday, the minister of tourism, public health, and sports for Aruba, Dangui Oduber, announced the successful trial of a pilot program for a new mobile application called the Aruba Happy One Pass (HOP). The app is the first of its kind for travelers, designed to hold and share personal travel data in a way that preserves their privacy while delivering a frictionless, seamless travel experience when coming to Aruba.**

The underlying digital travel credential (DTC) technology was developed jointly with the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), Immigration Aruba (the Aruba Immigration), SITA, and Indicio, and represents a ground-breaking development in travel where passengers will be able to avail of seamless verification for embarkation, immigration, and border crossing—all before boarding their flights.

The Aruba HOP enables a passenger to turn their physical passport into a digital credential whose authenticity, integrity, and ownership can be automatically and repeatedly verified with the passenger's consent. The new app streamlines the arrival and border control process at airports, while reducing the risk of error, identity theft, or fraud. The resulting efficiencies will cut wait times and create a seamless travel experience for passengers, getting them to their destination quicker.

What makes the Aruba HOP unique is that it is designed to eliminate third-party data storage. With the Aruba HOP, passengers hold their own data and share it by consent. They do not need a third party to manage access to their data. This "privacy-by-design" approach simplifies data privacy compliance and provides passengers with assurance that they control their personal information. This is a significant development on current technology and represents a "passenger-first" approach to travel.


Minister Oduber has always strived towards innovative projects and processes, and as such, has made it the focal point of his strategy and his vision. His aim is to foster cooperation and partnerships with different stakeholders to ensure that this project reaches the whole Hospitality Industry on Aruba, giving all participants within this industry the opportunity to benefit from this project while offering a more efficient service to their guests. The main objective of

the "Seamless Travel Experience" is to enhance the traveling experience by transforming it to a fully digital and hassle free to and from Aruba. The project builds on extensive trials of verifiable digital credential technology in Aruba from 2021 onwards that were conducted by SITA and Indicio to manage traveler health data from Covid testing and vaccination. The design of Aruba hop was based on principles set forth by One ID and from the DTC standard from International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and was built on Hyperledger Foundation open-source technologies for maximum interoperability.

"The Aruba Happy One Pass is intended to transform the traveler experience, creating a more efficient security process where travelers have everything they need right on their personal devices," said Ronella Croes, CEO of Aruba Tourism Authority. "Aruba is proud to be a trailblazer in innovation within the tourism industry, delivering an exceptional experience for visitors from our airport and accommodations to our world-class beaches and vibrant culture."

Jeremy Springall, SITA's Senior Vice-President, SITA AT BORDERS, said: "The Aruba Happy One Pass is driving forward the use of digital identities in travel, to ensure secure and seamless journeys, in a privacy-preserving way with arriving travelers pre-cleared and 'ready-to-go'. Digital identities will enable travel from anywhere to everywhere – by air, land, or sea – without needing to show our physical travel documents. The Aruba HOP project brings this vision closer to reality."

"Biometrics and verifiable credentials are the key technologies for a secure and seamless traveler experience," said Heather Dahl, CEO of Indicio, a global leader in verifiable data and decentralized identity technology. "SITA and Aruba's commitment to privacy-preserving innovation means that passengers can store information on their devices and share it as needed for a truly touchless and happy experience. This is a clear market indicator that technology built on open standards and open-source code produces the contactless passenger journey that the travel industry needs and a seamless experience that passengers expect."

To see how Aruba HOP, using the SITA DTC, creates a secure travel credential, watch this video. 



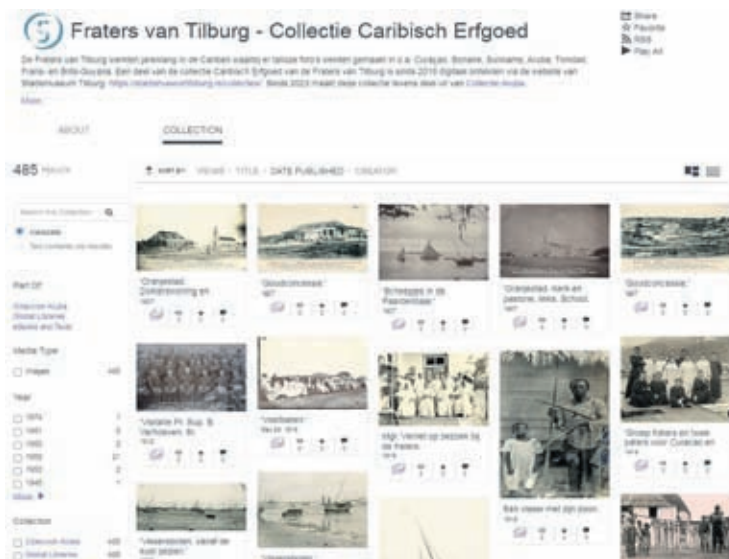


## Photo collection Brothers of Tilburg is now also online via Coleccion Aruba

**ORANJESTAD** - Since the end of March 2023, part of the Brothers' collection, namely all photographs related to Aruba, is also part of the Aruba Collection: <https://coleccion.aw/fraters>.

The Brothers of Tilburg worked for many years in the Caribbean, taking numerous photographs in Curacao, Bonaire, Suriname, Aruba, Trinidad, French, and British Guiana, among others. Part of the Caribbean Heritage collection of the Brothers of Tilburg has been digitally accessible since 2018 through the Tilburg City Museum website: <https://stadsmuseum-tilburg.nl/collecties/>.

"Within the 'Coleccion Aruba' project, we are currently working to make all the heritage puzzle pieces related to Aruba available in one place. The collection of the Brothers of Tilburg is one of the (photographic) treasure troves of Aruban/Caribbean heritage," said Peter Scholing, responsible for digitization, digital col-



lections, and research at Biblioteca Nacional Aruba (BNA).

"BNA has had a digital collection online since 2019, with nearly 50,000 items now available.

This digital collection formed the basis for 'Coleccion Aruba' in 2022, a new, Aruba-wide initiative with, in addition to BNA, Archivo Nacional Aruba (ANA), and UNOCA, the local cultural fund as founding partners. Meanwhile, this initiative has expanded to include local partners

from the broader heritage community, such as from the museum field and the built heritage/monuments protection field.

"The collaboration with Stads museum Tilburg in the area of the Fraters collection fits well into this broader vision, to also make available in a digital way the collections that are not physically located on the island in the 'original', local context, namely within the Collection Aruba, just as collaborations and content exchanges are taking place and have taken

place with the Royal Archives, and with the Royal Library. Soon we hope to announce other similar collaborations with Dutch collection holdings."

"This collaboration with the Stads museum Tilburg for the collection of the Brothers of Tilburg has been very high on the 'wish list' for many years. I am very happy that we have succeeded with Stads museum Tilburg and Erfgoed Brabant! We especially want to thank Petra Robben, Rien Visser, Cris Kremers, and the Brothers of Tilburg for their permission and pleasant cooperation," Scholing said.

Petra Robben, city curator

of Stads museum Tilburg: "I think it's great that this cultural heritage is reaching a wider audience from our database through Coleccion Aruba. In fact, by opening up our data to them, the awareness of this collection is increased with the push of a button."

Rien Visser, archivist Brothers CMM: "The Central Archives of the Brothers of Tilburg (CMM) finds it very special that the photo collection of the brothers who lived and worked in Aruba for many years is now made available through Coleccion Aruba. It is honorable to remain part of Aruban history in this way." □

### Aruba to me



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For today we received a lovely message from **Mônica Moreira Duque**.

She wrote to us saying: Aruba to me is... look at the picture!"

Along with the message she sends a wonderful picture with an acrostic poem that spells out Aruba. In this poem she expresses that Aruba is welcoming, rare, unique, beautiful and amazing.

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □

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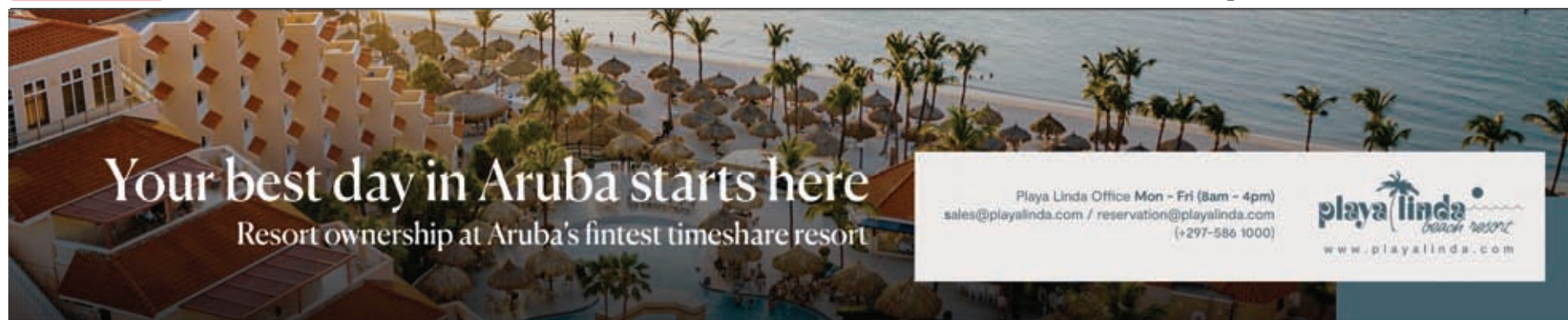
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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Marriott Ocean Club Aruba

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently recognized the recognized Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. Presenting the Ambassadors with the Goodwill certification as a token of appreciation. The honoring certification program is granted to ambassadors, to recognize, the loyalty, friendships, and visits to Aruba. For consecutively choosing Aruba as their preferred vacation destination each year.

The Honoring certification program has three levels, which are divided according to the quantity of consecutive years visiting the island.

### Honoring Levels:

- Distinguished Ambassadors: 10> years
- Goodwill Ambassadors: 20> years
- Emerald Ambassadors: 35> years

### Honorees were:

Goodwill Ambassadors 20> years:

Marcy Weber resident of Florida, United States (have been coming to Aruba for 23 years consecutively).

Timothy Weber resident of Florida, United States (have been coming to Aruba for 23 years consecutively).

Dylan Weber resident of New York, United States (has been coming to Aruba for 203years consecutively).

Mr. Jonathan Boekhoudt representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and members of the Marriott Ocean Club Aruba bestowed the certification of the Ambassadors. The honorees were presented with the Goodwill Certification, and with memorable gifts of Aruba.

On behalf of the Government of Aruba, we would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to family Weber for making Aruba their preferred vacation destination for so many years. We are so thankful to have had you as our visitors after all these years! Aruba is unquestionably your home away from home!

### Top 5 reason for returning to Aruba, provided by the honorees were:

#### Family Weber reasons:

Sun  
Ocean  
Friends  
Ocean Club  
Restaurants☐



Aruba Today is delighted to share to its readers a new segment called "Beauty and the Beach", where we take a minute to honor our guests who have decided to spend their vacation on our beautiful and warm island.

In this edition, we'd like to give a shout out to **Aaron and Robin from Calgary in Alberta, Canada**. Thanks to mom's pick of Aruba as a vacation spot, they are enjoying their first time on the island! Aruba is always proud to host all families and guests. We at Aruba Today encourage any visitor of the island to send in their pictures and/or messages; who knows? You might get on the cover!

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## Fresh fish right out of the Caribbean Sea to your plate



ORANJESTAD – Fish restaurants are everywhere, but do they serve fresh fish daily right out of the Caribbean Sea? The Grand Fish Restaurant does. This locally-owned restaurant is situated merely 5 minutes from the strip and is open as early as 11am for the lunch lovers.

The minute you step inside you can feel the homey and cozy warm ambiance by the décor and the friendly staff who will receive you with open arms.

The Grand Fish Restaurant has an ex-

traordinary menu starting with appetizers, salads and their famous fish soup. The entree dishes consist of a variety of fresh fish like whole red snapper, fish steak, fish cake, grilled salmon, mixed seafood or seafood rice (paella local style) combined with sides of vegetables, french fries, rice, plantain, the island's traditional 'pan bati' (slapped bread) or funchi (cornmeal cake).

Each and every dish is made with passion, love and dedication. Yes... even the fried ones!

There are also pasta, meat and poultry options plus a kid-friendly menu with crispy chicken or fish nuggets, cheese burgers, mac & cheese and kid tenderloin.

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If you haven't visited The Grand Fish yet, check out our local page for a coupon for a free glass of wine and make sure to drop by. The staff will be happy to wel-



come, guide and serve you for an amazing casual bite and good time.

The Grand Fish Restaurant is situated at Taratata Road 15, unit #1. Open from 11AM – 10PM from Wednesday till Monday CLOSED on Tuesdays!!!

## Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

**NOORD** - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and

their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the wa-

ter long enough is "Sea glass.

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car



tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day! Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

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# Don't forget to visit Aruba's famous Red Anchor

At the south east coast of the island, standing alone on a wind-swept and barren land stands a popular Aruba landmark – a large anchor. It overlooks the sea just beyond, watching over the shipping lanes. It stands there in memory and in honor of all seamen who have lost their life at sea.

## Where to Find the Anchor?

The anchor is a “must see” landmark when you visit Aruba. It is among the most photographed historical landmarks for the island. You want to make sure you add this stop on your itinerary when your visiting the south coast of Aruba. The bright red anchor against the backdrop of the deep blue Caribbean sea and the azure blue skies, make a great backdrop for your vacation pictures.

The anchor is located at the entrance to Gate 6 to the former Lago Colony. It is on the outskirts of Seroe Colorado, on the south east point of the island at the “T” junction to Baby Beach. Depending on where you are staying on the island, follow the signs that indicate the way to Baby Beach. Once you reach the T-junction, it will be right in front of you.

## About the Anchor Size

It will be hard to miss the anchor,

it's huge! The anchor that weighs 21,772 kilos, is approximately 10 feet 6 inches wide and 15 feet, 6 inches tall.

On the anchor there are some numbers. The 4112 and 4115, which are believed to be the serial numbers that refer to the “fluke” or horizontal and vertical parts of the anchor, respectively. The number 21772K refers to the weight of the anchor in kilos. This type of anchor was manufactured by Hoesch Dortmund Horde, at a foundry located in Germany.

## Where did the Anchor Come From?

There are a number of stories as to the origins of the anchor, which one do you think it was? (Unfortunately the mystery has never been solved, so your imagination can pick which one you think it might be!)

### Story 1:

“According to Mr. Manuel M. Curiel, an ex-Lago Tug Captain, a fully laden VLCC (Very Large Crude Carrier) was seeking a mooring at the 15-mile anchorage, known as Bara, on the southern part of the island. This is the usual shallow mooring location for ships awaiting orders, etc. The weather was rough with strong current. The normal procedure is that they would walk out three shackles (about 90

feet) until the anchor touches the bottom while the chain must rest on the bottom. Subsequently, they will walk out some extra shackles and when the ship starts to swing or lean on one side, the anchor is properly set. Because of the rough weather, unfortunately they did not get the time to walk out the extra tackles and because of the tension exerted on the winch, it broke, and they lost the anchor and its chain.”

### Story 2:

“Mr. Curiel also said that at one time a small tanker with a Korean crew, while lifting their anchor also lifted another anchor near the inner harbor. When the ship asked for assistance, he went with his tugboat along with a barge, to help. But eventually they had to cut the chain and let the anchor go to the bottom because they could not untangle them.”

## How Did The Anchor Become a Landmark?

Sometime between 1980 and 1985, three gentlemen (Mr. Wim Martinus – the Harbormaster of Aruba; Mr. August Genser – the ex-Division Superintendent of Lago's Laboratory; and Mr. Willie Davis – Owner of Filtec at Zeewijk in San Nicolas), were having a conversation with Mr. Charlie Brouns Jr. at his famous Charlie's Bar and Restaurant in San Nicolas. Charlie, who was a visionary

and had dreams for developing the San Nicolas area, told these gentlemen that he would like to come up with something innovative for the San Nicolas area to draw tourism to the area.

The “anchor”, which at that time was being stored at the Oranjestad harbor, was suggested as an option. Charlie liked the idea! He then contacted the President of Lago for permission to acquire the anchor. He was granted permission and the anchor was then relocated to its present location and dedicated “To All Seamen” on the occasion of the closing of the Lago Oil Refinery on March 31, 1985.

## Through the Years

Through the years the Anchor was slowly weathering from the wind and salt. As time passed, sadly the origin and purpose of the anchor slowly faded away from people's memories.

After Charles Brouns Jr died on September 15, 2004, his friend Mr. Sam Speziale, requested assistance from the management of Valero Aruba Refinery to help maintain the monument. The Valero Aruba Refinery, graciously sandblasted and painted the anchor and poured a concrete pad around it. On April 17, 2005, the anchor monument was re-dedicated “To All Seamen” in a formal ceremony in memory of Charles Brouns Jr.

Today, the anchor stands both as memorial to all seaman who have lost their lives at sea, but also as a silent reminder that Seroe Colorado is part of San Nicolas and that San Nicolas is still a vibrant and important part of the island of Aruba.

## The Best Time to Visit

When your planning your visit to the south end of the island, you will want to include in your itinerary the many things to see and do there. The anchor will be just one of these stops, (keep an eye out for our future editions, we publish our recommendations!).

With that being said, I have to say, if you enjoy catching a sunrise, the anchor is one of the best places on the island to catch the sunrise. But in reality, anytime is a good time to visit, depending on your personal schedule. ☐





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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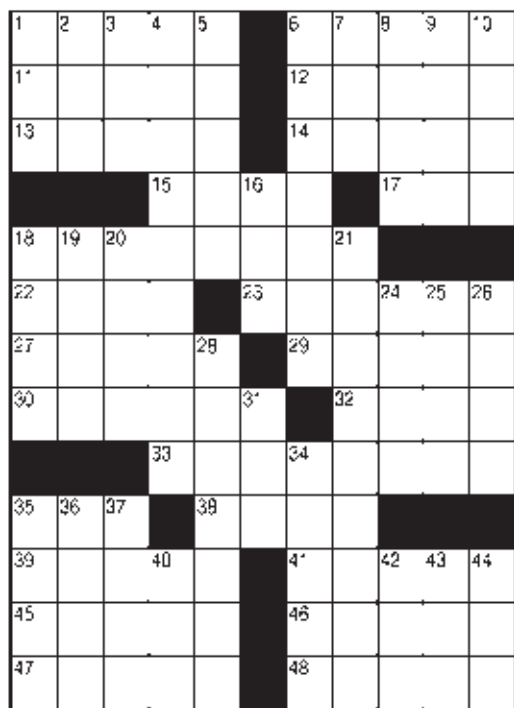
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## Saturday's answer



AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: IN EVERY CURVING BEACH, IN EVERY GRAIN OF SAND THERE IS THE STORY OF THE EARTH. — RACHEL CARSON

# \$90 cream and \$10 toothpaste: Companies target big spenders

By ANNE D'INNOCENZIO  
AP Retail Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Companies from toothpaste makers to even discounters are adding more premium items like designer body creams and services as they reach out to wealthier shoppers who are still spending freely even in the face of higher inflation and a volatile economic environment.

Think \$10 toothpastes and \$90 creams on supermarket shelves.

Retailers and consumer product companies felt justified in raising prices to offset higher costs from gnarled supply chains and Russia's war in Ukraine last year. But as those financial pressures ease, some are looking for new ways to pump up sales and profits by focusing on premium items amid an overall sales slowdown.

"If you want to hedge against the economic challenges, you hedge your bets by chasing after the upper income," said Marshal Cohen, chief industry adviser at market research firm Circana.

Many companies that normally cater to middle-income shoppers are unleashing a bevy of premium items in an attempt to grab consumers with more money to spare. But that could leave fewer options for consumers with less money to spare.

Walmart, for instance, features high-end \$90 creams in its beauty aisles at select stores. Ketchup maker Heinz released a line of chef-inspired condiments called Heinz 57, including a 11.25-ounce container of infused honey with black truffle that costs roughly \$7.



A woman passes by the BeautySpace NK display at the Walmart Supercenter in North Bergen, N.J., on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023.

Associated Press

Last year, Colgate-Palmolive made some waves by announcing its \$10 three-ounce stain remover toothpaste, its first in the U.S. at this price, noting that premium products were essential to raising prices.

Meanwhile, Five Below — a chain known for selling toys and other impulse items for \$5 and below — is creating a new store concept: Five Beyond, which sells items at \$6 and higher. Last year, the Philadelphia chain converted 250 of its 1,300 stores to the concept and plans to expand that conversion to another 400 stores this year.

Five Below CEO Joel Anderson told analysts on a call in January that those who buy Five Beyond items spend more than twice as much as those who buy only Five Below items.

Some like Chipotle Mexican Grill have even publicized they are not pursuing discount-loving shoppers. The restaurant chain has been frank over the past year about how its price increases have scared off lower-income consumers. Last fall, it introduced Garlick Guajillo Steak, a limited-

time offering that was pricier than regular steak.

In a conference call with investors in February, Chipotle Chairman and CEO Brian Niccol said the chain — which raised prices by 13.5% in its most recent quarter — is seeing higher-income customers visit more often.

Critics like Rakeen Mabud, chief economist at left-leaning The Groundwork Collaborative, believe such moves will only increasingly shut out the less economically fortunate.

"As products get more expensive and companies are focused more on the wealthier segments of our population or our consumers, everyday people are increasingly underserved and increasingly unable to afford the products they need," Mabud said.

When AMC Entertainment, the world's largest cinema chain, announced in February it was rolling out a new three-tier pricing system at all its locations by year end that would require customers to pay more for better seats, actor Elijah Wood — best known for his portrayal of Frodo Baggins in "The Lord of the Rings" film trilogy — blasted the move on Twitter.

"The movie theater is and always has been a sacred democratic space for all and this new initiative by AMCTheatres would essentially penalize people for lower income and reward for higher income," he wrote. □

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## Get it while it's hot: New Mexico boosts chile production

By S. MONTTOYA BRYAN

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)

— New Mexico produced more than 53,000 tons of its most famous crop during the last growing season, meaning more chile peppers found their way into salsas and onto dinner plates than the previous year. State and federal agriculture officials rolled out the latest numbers this week as New Mexico's governor signed legislation that established the sweet smell of green chile roasting in the fall as the state's official aroma. New Mexico's love affair with the hot peppers runs deep. Chile is one of the official state vegetables, it's on license plates and it forms the basis of the state's official question: "Red or Green?"

The state in 2014 even adopted its own trademark and certification program to protect the reputation and integrity of its signature crop, much like Idaho has capitalized on potatoes, Maine has its lobsters and Florida has its fresh fruits and juices.

The numbers released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture show that more than 90% of the chile produced in 2022 was of the green variety.

The value of the crop was estimated at more than \$46 million, about \$1 million



A basket of fresh harvested green chile waiting to be roasted at Grajeda Hatch Chile Market is seen in Hatch, N.M., on July 12, 2012.

Associated Press

more than in 2021. Chile used for processing — for salsas, sauces and spices, for example — account for most of that value while fresh chile brought in about \$4.4 million.

While production was up, the land used for planting was actually less than in 2021. That's because farmers are seeing higher yields from their crops due to irrigation and cultivation improvements, said Travis Day, executive director of the New Mexico Chile Association.

He said the latest figures are exciting news for the industry, which has faced its share of market and labor challenges in recent years. "Our members are finally seeing normality after the COVID pandemic and labor, while still an issue, is

slowly getting better," he said.

Day also pointed out that more farmers outside southern New Mexico's chile-growing belt are having success with peppers. About three-fifths of last year's production came from counties other than Sierra, Doña Ana and Luna counties. Doña Ana County is home to Hatch,

a village at the edge of the Rio Grande that has come to be known as the "Chile Capital of the World." Researchers at New Mexico State University have long said that soil conditions, warmer temperatures, the right amount of water and a longer growing season in the region result in a unique flavor.

Farmers are expecting a strong season this year — as long as the weather cooperates. □



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# LSU wins 1st NCAA championship, beating Clark and Iowa

By **DOUG FEINBERG**  
AP Basketball Writer

**DALLAS (AP)**— Kim Mulkey's LSU Tigers used a record offensive performance to beat Caitlin Clark and Iowa 102-85 in the national championship game on Sunday to win the first basketball title in school history. The victory made Mulkey the first women's coach to win national championships at two different schools. She won three at Baylor before leaving for LSU two years ago. The feisty and flamboyantly dressed Mulkey, who wore a sparkly golden tiger striped outfit, now has the third-most titles of all time behind Geno Auriemma's 11 and Pat Summitt's eight. Mulkey has never lost in a championship game.

The loss ended one of the greatest individual performances in NCAA Tournament history by Clark, the AP national player of the year. The junior guard finished with 30 points. She scored 40 in the semifinals to knock out unbeaten South Carolina one game after she had the first 40-point triple-double in NCAA history in the Elite Eight.

The dazzling guard, who grew up in Iowa, set the NCAA record for points in a tournament, passing the 177 that Sheryl Swoopes scored in 1993 en route to leading Texas Tech to the title that year. Clark ended



LSU head coach Kim Mulkey holds up the championship trophy after the NCAA Women's Final Four championship basketball game against Iowa Sunday, April 2, 2023, in Dallas. LSU won 102-85 to win the championship.

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her tournament with 191. The 102 points broke the previous high for a championship game, surpassing the 97 that Texas scored against Southern California in 1986.

Jasmine Carson scored 22 points, Alexis Morris added 21 and Angel Reese had 15 points and 10 rebounds for LSU (34-2).

Trailing by 21 points early in the third quarter, Iowa started hitting from the outside to go on a 15-2 run, hitting four 3-pointers and having a 3-point play to get within 65-57.

The Hawkeyes (31-7) trailed

73-64 with 1:03 left in the third quarter when Clark was called for a technical foul. She swatted the ball away as it was on the floor after a foul call against a teammate. That counted as a personal foul for her, her fourth of the game. Clark played the entire fourth quarter with four fouls but couldn't get the Hawkeyes much closer.

After Katari Poole hit a 3-pointer in front of the LSU bench, Mulkey started weeping. A few seconds later after another LSU basket, Reese taunted Clark by putting her hand in front of

her face with a "you can't see me" gesture.

As the final seconds ticked off, Mulkey and Reese hugged, setting off a wild celebration by the Tigers. The game was tight for the first 15 minutes before Carson got hot from the outside. She made all six of her shots in the second quarter, including four 3-pointers. After one of them, she threw her hands in the air and Mulkey mimicked it on the sidelines.

For good measure, the graduate student guard banked in a shot just before the halftime buzzer to give

the Tigers a 59-42 lead at the break. It was the most points ever in the first half of a championship game, breaking the record held by Tennessee since 1998.

"I've been working for this my whole life," Carson said at halftime. "It feels great to finally display it on this stage."

LSU shot 58% from the field in the opening 20 minutes, including going nine for 12 from behind the arc. The Tigers finished the game shooting 54% from the field, including making 11 of 17 3-pointers.

Clark had 16 points and five assists before picking up her third foul with 3:56 to go in the half, which didn't go over well with the sellout crowd of more than 19,000 fans that included first lady Jill Biden and Billie Jean King, who sat together in a luxury box above the court. Before this game, Carson had gone scoreless in five of her seven postseason games in her career. She had 11 points in this NCAA Tournament before Sunday.

It was high-scoring first quarter despite there being a lot of stoppages because of foul calls, which made getting into an offensive flow more difficult. Clark had a huge first quarter, scoring 14 points, but Iowa trailed 27-22.

Carson banked in a 3-pointer before buzzer. □



Daniil Medvedev, of Russia, returns a shot from Jannik Sinner, of Italy, during the men's singles finals of the Miami Open tennis tournament, Sunday, April 2, 2023, in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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**MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP)**— Daniil Medvedev captured his fourth ATP title of

the year on Sunday, beating Jannik Sinner 7-5, 6-3 for the Miami Open men's singles title and to move to 6-0 in their career matchup.

## Medvedev beats Sinner in straight sets for Miami Open title

Medvedev is now the most sizzling player on the men's tour, winning 24 of his last 25 matches after his 1-hour, 34-minute triumph. His only loss has come against world No. 1 Carlos Alcaraz in last week's final at Indian Wells.

Sinner ran out of magic, with his three-hour win late Friday night over Alcaraz in the semifinals — when he had mild cramping in the second set — looking to have taken a toll on the 21-year-old Italian.

Sinner was visited by an ATP trainer midway through the

first set Sunday. During the changeover at 4-3, Sinner received a packet of powder that he dumped into a water bottle to drink.

"Woke up this morning not at my best — a little bit sick," Sinner said during the post-match ceremony, acknowledging that the crowd was behind him. "Thanks for the support. You gave me a lot of energy. Unfortunately, I couldn't play at my best."

Serving 5-6 in the first set, Sinner didn't have any dazzle left and played a ragged game as Medvedev broke

him to close out the first set. At 15-30, Sinner shanked a backhand that went long, then fired a forehand bullet into the top of the net to end the one-hour first set.

While Medvedev has won titles this year in Rotterdam, Doha and Dubai, this is the Russian's first title on American soil since the 2021 U.S. Open, when he derailed Novak Djokovic's bid for a Grand Slam.

Before a crowd that included a handful of celebrities, including Jon Bon Jovi, Medvedev won the first 12 points on his serve. □



## Vosler, Friedl homer to support Ashcraft in Reds' victory

**CINCINNATI (AP)** — Graham Ashcraft pitched seven solid innings, Jason Vosler and TJ Friedl hit solo home runs and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-1 on Saturday.

Ashcraft (1-0) overcame Brian Reynolds' home run to last seven innings, allowing four hits and one run with a walk and six strikeouts.

"The last few starts in spring for Ashcraft carried over," manager David Bell said. "He really found momentum at the end of spring training and couldn't wait for the season to start. He just attacked and threw strikes. His slider got better as the game went on. Getting seven innings was really important for our bullpen and set them up to finish it off."

The right-hander had the longest outing by a Reds starter in the young season as Cincinnati picked up a second straight victory after losing on Opening Day. Hunter Greene lasted 3-1/3 innings in the opener, and Nick Lodolo went five on Saturday.

"I liked the back half of the game," Ashcraft said. "The first part I was rushing my mechanics a little bit."

Tyler Stephenson also drove in a run and Vosler, Friedl and Jonathan India each had two hits for the Reds.

Alex Young and Derek Law got past two leadoff hits to keep it 3-1 in the eighth. Alexis Diaz pitched the ninth for his first save.

Vince Velasquez (0-1), making his Pirates debut after signing in December as a free agent, lasted 4-2/3 innings, giving up five hits and three runs with one walk and three strikeouts. The temperature was 49 degrees at game time, Velasquez said he trouble gripping the ball at times, but he didn't want to use that as an excuse.

"I felt phenomenal," he said. "I felt like the ball was coming out good. I made a couple of mistakes. I had trouble putting them away. I need to close the door and shut them down."

I have to minimize the damage."

Vosler, who made the Reds as a non-roster player after signing a minor-league contract Feb. 1 as a free agent, smacked a 2-1 slider 365 feet into the right-field seats with one out in the second.

Stephenson made it 2-0, driving in India from second base with a single that glanced off shortstop Oneil Cruz's glove and trickled into short left field with one out in the third inning.

Reynolds, who led Pittsburgh with 27 homers last season, led off the fourth with a 410-foot home run to center field, his first of the season. Pittsburgh has scored three runs over the last two games.

"We've faced pretty good

pitching," Pirates manager Derek Shelton said. "The top of their rotation is really good. They have good stuff. We had some opportunities early yesterday and we had some opportunities late. We just couldn't get the big hit."

Friedl knocked out Velasquez in the fifth with a two-out homer that sailed 392 feet into the right-field seats for his first hit of the season. He later added a bunt single.

"It is good to get that first hit," Friedl said. "I had to just trust the process. I've hit a home run and got a bunt hit multiple times. Bunting is part of my game. Ke'Bryan Hayes has been in my face all series. When Jonathan got that hit, it was a perfect time to start a rally, but I



Cincinnati Reds' Jonathan India (6) scores on a Tyler Stephenson single against Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Austin Hedges in the third inning of a baseball game in Cincinnati, Sunday, April 2, 2023.

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wanted to make the pitcher field it."

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Unlike Lodolo on Saturday, Ashcraft sailed through the first inning on just nine

pitches. Lodolo used 35 while giving up a run and leaving the bases loaded. Ashcraft needed 70 to get through five innings. Lodolo threw 109. □



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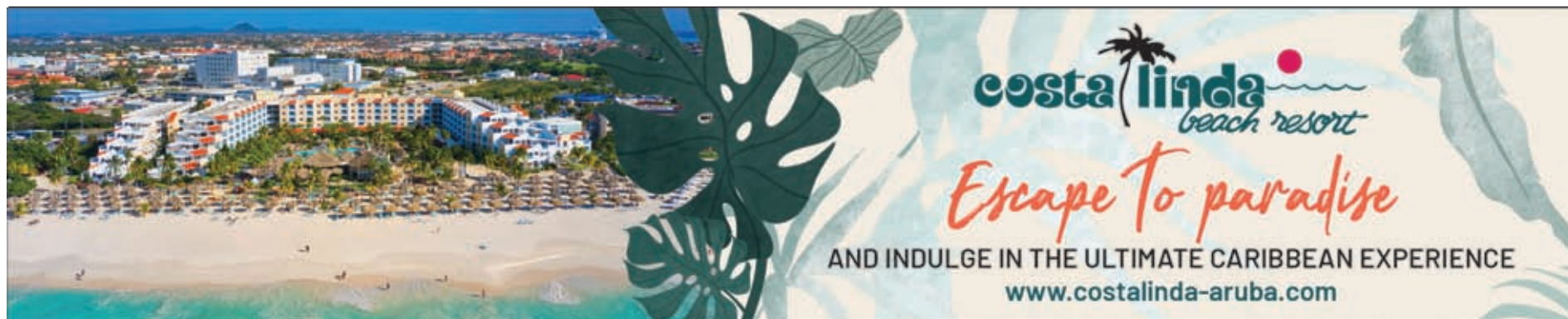
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